Outstanding claims of personnel of Para-Military Forces

674. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of personnel of the Para-Military Forces who lost their lives during 2007, force-wise;

(b) whether the families of such personnel have any outstanding claims and benefits that are yet to be cleared by the Centre and the States concerned; and

(c) the steps being taken to expedite the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Details are as under:—

Force	Number of personnel, who lost their lives during the year 2007
AR	124
BSF	370
CISF	215
CRPF	375
ITBP	71
SSB	93

(b) and (c) All pensionary benefits (except of the personnel covered under the New Pension Scheme) and *Ex-Gratia* Lump-sum compensation are processed expeditiously. However, a few cases get held up due to non receipt of required documents from the 'Next of Kins'. The cases are being monitored by the Central Para-Military Forces (CPMF) regularly for early settlement. A Group of Minister is also considering the matters relating to application of the New Pension Scheme to the CPMFs.

New IR battalions for anti-naxal operations

675. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State police force under pressure from militants, tne Union Home Ministry is working on a proposal for nearly 35,000 extra personnel in the form of new Indian Reserve battalions which are likely to be used for anti-naxal operations in States like Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand;

(b) whether 26 IR battalions have already been sanctioned for Naxal-affected States;

(c) whether the Central forces and State police had to be trained in jungle warfare to succeed against the Naxalites; and

(d) to what extent this strength of IR has helped in checking Naxal activities?